

Claims 1 - 7 (Cancelled)

8. (Currently Amended) A method of insuring against satellite launch failure including rescue reservations comprising the steps of:

purchasing a satellite for orbiting the earth;

obtaining a launch insurance policy prior to launching the satellite from Earth, wherein the launch insurance policy including a rescue mission provision from a guarantor covering the launch of the satellite into an unintended orbit, the rescue mission provision providing for the payment to a rescue mission provider of a rescue mission in the event that the satellite is launched into an unintended orbit but otherwise remains functional, the rescue mission provision specifying that the rescue mission shall include 1) providing a extension spacecraft having guidance, navigation and control systems for position control of the extension spacecraft and satellite combination and having an onboard propellant supply sufficient for moving the extension spacecraft and satellite combination from one orbit to another orbit, 2) launching the extension spacecraft into space, 3) mechanically connecting the extension spacecraft to the satellite launched into an unintended orbit, and 4) utilizing the extension spacecraft's guidance, navigation and control systems and onboard propellant supply to move the satellite from the unintended orbit to an intended operational orbit ~~result in the movement of the satellite from an unintended orbit to an intended operational orbit;~~

triggering the rescue mission provision in the event that the satellite is launched  
~~launching the satellite~~ into an unintended orbit but the satellite otherwise remains  
functional ~~so as to trigger the rescue mission provision;~~

paying a rescue mission provider for a rescue mission by the guarantor in  
accordance with the launch insurance policy; and

initiating a rescue mission [[and]] for moving the satellite from the unintended  
orbit to an intended operational orbit;

providing a extension spacecraft having guidance, navigation and control systems  
for position control of the extension spacecraft and satellite combination and having an  
onboard propellant supply sufficient for moving the extension spacecraft and satellite  
combination from one orbit to another orbit;

launching the extension spacecraft into space;

moving the extension spacecraft to within proximity of the satellite launched into  
an unintended orbit;

mechanically connecting the extension spacecraft to the satellite launched into an  
unintended orbit; and

utilizing the extension spacecraft's guidance, navigation and control systems and onboard propellant supply to move the satellite from the unintended orbit to an intended operational orbit.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of insuring against satellite launch failure of claim 8 wherein the extension spacecraft is unmanned.[[:]]

~~the rescue mission provision includes providing for moving an unmanned extension spacecraft within proximity of the orbiting satellite, mechanically connecting the extension spacecraft to the orbiting satellite to form a docked satellite-spacecraft combination, moving the satellite-spacecraft combination using the control systems of the extension spacecraft.~~

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Previously Presented) The method of insuring against satellite launch failure of claim 8 further comprising the steps of:

obtaining a rescue mission failure insurance policy from a guarantor which provides for financial compensation to the policy holder in the event of failure of the rescue mission to move the satellite from an unintended orbit to an intended orbit.

12. (Cancelled)